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**SUBJECT | BYLAW CONTRAVENTION NOTICE - CONSTRUCTION STARTED WITHOUT A BUILDING PERMIT – 131 COLUMBIA STREET |**

## **OVERVIEW**

### **Purpose of Report**

To obtain Council authorization to proceed with the registration of a Bylaw Contravention Notice on the property title of 131 Columbia Street. |

### **Recommendation**

That Council direct the Corporate Officer to file a Bylaw Contravention Notice at the Land Title and Survey Authority of British Columbia under Section 57 of the *Community Charter* for the property located at 131 Columbia Street for construction started without a building permit in contravention of “Building Bylaw 2016 No. 7224”. |

## **BACKGROUND**

An inspection was completed on 2019-AUG-08 in response to a complaint received regarding illegal construction. The inspection confirmed work was underway to construct a ramp and landing at the front entrance, without a building permit. A Stop Work Order was posted on the job site and correspondence was forwarded to the owner advising that a building permit was required prior to proceeding with any construction. The deadline for a building permit application was 2019-AUG-29. To date, a building permit application has not been received. As the result of another complaint, a follow up inspection on 2019-DEC-02 revealed the Stop Work Order has been taken down and the work to construct the ramp and guardrails was complete. Pursuant to Section 57 of the *Community Charter*, it is recommended a notice be registered on the property title to reflect the work completed without a permit or inspections in contravention of “Building Bylaw 2016 No 7224”. |

## **DISCUSSION**

The purpose of registering a Bylaw Contravention Notice (Section 57 of the *Community Charter*) on the title of the affected property is to advise those with an interest in the property of the regulations contravened, to provide disclosure to future owners and to protect taxpayers against potential claims with regard to the regulations contravened. |

### **SUMMARY POINTS**

- Construction requiring a building permit was undertaken without first obtaining a permit.
- The deadline to submit a building permit application has passed.
- Registration of a Bylaw Contravention Notice is required on the title of the affected property to advise those with an interest in the property of the regulations contravened, to provide disclosure to future owners and to protect taxpayers against potential claims with regard to the regulations contravened.

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